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On June 28, 2011, our Board approved the use of \$3.5 million in Net County Costs (NCC) to fund a Countywide Youth Employment Program. The program will give about 2,200 young people an opportunity to learn skills, build confidence and develop work experience that will benefit them for a lifetime. However, given that the unemployment rate among youth age 16-24 is nearly 27 percent in California, many more resources are needed to address the employment needs of our youth.

While federal regulations currently preclude the use of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding for a stand-alone summer youth program, in June 2011, the Department of Labor (DOL) provided guidance to states allowing Waiver Requests to use WIA Youth funds for career exploration services, which would include a summer youth program. In response, California's Employment Development Department, working in partnership with Los Angeles County, requested a waiver from DOL to use a portion of

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the State's WIA Youth funds for a Summer Youth Employment program, targeting CalWORKs youth. Last week, DOL approved the State's Waiver Request. We expect that this will create employment opportunities for at least 800 additional youth.

Approximately \$2 million in unallocated WIA Youth funds has been identified to supplement the County's youth employment program, and requires approval of the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

**WE, THEREFORE MOVE, that** the Los Angeles County WIB expedite its approval to allocate \$2M in WIA Youth funds to expand this year's Youth Employment Program.

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